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*Special Meeting, February 27.*

Present, twenty-four members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The presiding officer stated that he had ordered a special meeting to be called, under the conviction that the Society would be desirous to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of a distinguished member, Dr. E. K. Kane, whose services to science and humanity are appreciated by the whole civilized world; whose life had been one of adventurous daring and of genuine philanthropy; and whose enlightened efforts had greatly enlarged the boundaries of geographical and general knowledge.

Whereupon, the following resolutions were offered by Dr. William Harris, and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this Society has heard, with deep regret, of the death of its late distinguished member Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, who fell a victim to his zeal in the cause of humanity and of science, from the effects of exposure and sufferings endured during his last expedition to the Arctic regions, in search of Sir John Franklin and his party.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Dr. Kane, this Society has lost one of its brightest ornaments; science a distinguished contributor; humanity a devoted friend; and the world an intrepid navigator and learned geographer.

*Resolved*, That in respect to the memory of the deceased, the Society will, as a body, attend the funeral of our late associate.

*Resolved*, That a portrait of Dr. Kane be placed in the Hall of the Society, as a continuing memorial of him, which may silently teach us, and those who are to come after us, how to pursue and to adorn science with persevering energy, truth, modesty and excellence.

*Resolved*, That a member be appointed to prepare a notice of the

life, character and services of Dr. Kane, and that the same be published in the proceedings of the Society.

*Resolved*, That a letter expressive of condolence and sympathy for their loss, be addressed on behalf of this Society, by its officers, to the family of Dr. Kane, with a copy of these resolutions.

*Stated Meeting, March 6.*

Present, nineteen members.

Prof. FRAZER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. E. Brown-Sequard, a recently elected member, was introduced, and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From the Society of Antiquaries, dated London, Nov. 28, 1856, and from the Natural History Society of Newcastle upon Tyne, dated December 13, 1856, returning thanks for Nos. 53, 54, of the Proceedings of this Society: and—

From Prof. A. D. Bache, dated U. S. Coast Survey Office, Washington, February 24, 1857, announcing a donation for the Library.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, procured in England, Holland and France. By John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., Agent. Edited by E. B. O'Callaghan, M. D., &c. Vol. I. Albany, 1856. 4to.

Catalogue of the New York State Library, 1855. 2 Vols. Albany.

8vo.—*From the Trustees of the N. Y. State Library.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XVII.

No. 3. January, 1857. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings on laying the corner stone of the Library Edifice for the Free Public Library of the City of New Bedford, Aug. 28, 1856.

New Bedford. 8vo. *From the Trustees.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXIII.

No. 2. Feb. 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*